

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. My dear Alec:

I've been horrid about writing you, but for one thing I did catch the cold you telegraphed to me, and I have been just miserable enough not to want to write. It's nearly gone now, it was never bad enough to keep me indoors. I feel relieved to know you have Miss McCurdy, and I will write her tomorrow. About the boat everything turns upon its size \$400 is not too much to pay for a useful boat, and I don't want any more cheap things. If it is big enough to go back and forth between Baddeck and Beinn Bhreagh, I should think it would pay for itself. Casey did not tell me how large it was.

Uncle Eustis writes that Telephone stock has dropped to 108 the lowest it has ever been, and he thinks it is wicked because the property is as good as it ever was, and "every prospect pleases."

It has been very cold here, very cold indeed, every thing is suffering in consequence.

Mr. Cox is absolutely no good, worse than useless, I have had to go over all the work he did for me in paying cheques, scarcely one stub entry is right.

Daisy and David are flourishing on their place, and Bert and Elsie are very well also. I am so glad to have had these few days to see them. Mamma is well also and energetic. I am waiting here now while she attends a church meeting to talk over Dr. Hamlin's successor. Did you hear of his will? He left all his property in trust for Mrs. Hamlin subject to a charge of \$1200 a year for Francis their son and he further provides that if Mrs. Hamlin

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